



KASESE UNITED HUMANIST ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2012

30th December 2012

The Executive Director,
Kasese United Humanist Association,
The General Body,
Kasese United Humanist Association
The Executive Committee,
Kasese United Humanist Association members,
Appointed staff, Ladies and Gentlemen.

With specific reference to article 4 clause 10 which mandates me to present to you an annual report, I therefore wish to present to you the Report as here under.

1. INTRODUCTION :

As you are already aware, Kasese United Humanist Association (KUHA) is a community based organization set up in June 2009 on the foundation of science, Humanist principles and values.

Members allow me to extend your gratitude to the Founder Mr Bwambale Robert for his efforts and service he has offered to model this organization and the way he has tried to linking KUHA to many people in the secular community.

The spreading of the Humanist Philosophy amongst our people will continue. People should become free from the various dogmas and indoctrinations that have long time shadowed minds of many people on planet earth and this is wide spread in Uganda where more than 98% are religious in bondage with beliefs in magic and superstition. There is a need to progress the Humanist and science philosophy to a vast majority of humanity. The humanist philosophy has been welcomed by very many people who have similar views and thinking, Humanism has been looked at to offer good principles and setting of moral and ethical standards of people both on the local and international scene.

2 . OBJECTIVES

The following objectives which have been embraced by you since we begun in 2009 and three years down the road,we are progressing:

- To promote Humanism and Free thought amongst people in our community.
- To encourage our society to get involved in science education in Uganda.
- To support implementation of government policy in matters concerning health, human rights, food nutrition and environment.
- To encourage our people to develop a reading culture in reading a wide variety of book resources, magazines and journals. However we are looking forward to also to achieve other objectives at the same time promoting those so far embarked on.

The objectives are as below:

- To initiate income generating activities to people in our communities so as to alleviate poverty, ignorance and disease.
- To strengthen our school project by trying all we can to uplift academics at Kasese Humanist Primary School.
- To sensitize our people on matters of Human rights, Environment, Matters of Personal hygiene, nutrition and disease control and this to be done by holding seminars, workshops and work camps.

3. MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The Kasese United Humanist Association has got a 9 Member team on the Executive Board. am happy to report to you that in 2012 the Executive team stood as below:

The Executive Team is indicated in the table below:

no.	Name	Current occupation	Designation in KUHA	Contacts
1	Bwambale Robert	School Project Director	Executive Director	kasesehumanistsc
2	Mulekya Edison	Civil Servant/Stores	Chairperson	Demulrestspot201
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6	Mbabazi florence	Hotel Chef	Committee Member	0775270818
7	Milonde olivia	Student	Committee member	milondeolivia@y
8	Muhindo Joshua	Civil servant	Committee member	0782767629
9	Bolingo makanika	Civil servant	Committee member	0782082711

4. PROGRAMMES FOR THE ASSOCIATION:

Kasese united humanist association under the funding from the pockets of the executive director, Atheist Alliance International plus all our foreign friends and your general contributions as members, we have managed to achieve the following.

- Renewal of the Organization for the year 2012 with the local authorities.
 - Second year running of Kasese Humanist Primary School where the school has tremendously expanded from the initial P.6 class with an addition of an extra class of P.7
- We have managed to keep our websites up-to-date which are listed below:

www.kuhauganda.webs.com

www.kaseseunitedhumanistassociation.blogspot.com

www.kasesehumanistschool.webs.com

Late this year we have managed to embark on our third project under environment where the KUHA Founder has put in place Kasese Humanist Botanical Gardens which is going to serve a number of services ranging from Educational, Research, Eco-Tourism and Sustainable crop farming. A website is already in place to host news and updates on what is going on with this project. The web page is www.khbotanicgardens.webs.com

- Book donations extended to KUHA Library from Books abroad a UK based charity donating readable text book resources to institutions of learning in developed and developing countries. The organization donated 26 boxes full of text books in the field of geography ,science, Arts, Mathematics, English, Free thought, world maps, world politics. These are positive developments as KUHA plans to procure shelves and library furniture to furnish the KUHA PUBLIC LIBRARY such that students at Kasese Humanist Primary School and the general public can access books and read in a secured room in a conducive environment.
- KUHA membership is improving gradually and now membership is at 71 and because of our presence in the Kasese Area, many people have known what humanism is and what being a humanist or an atheist really stands for. People's perception and attitude towards our works is not all that bad as we have been identified by local authorities as helpers in forging ahead government programs of Education for all, Women emancipation, and Environment conservation, Eradication of poverty & ignorance and above all promotion of science philosophy among Ugandans.

OUR MAIN PROGRAMMES:

Kasese United Humanist Association (KUHA) programs are being tackled one by one depending on availability of resources to run the planned programs.

The main programs include:

1. Education

- Public Library & Information Centre,
- Establishing Humanist Schools in Kasese District.
- Establishing Vocational Skills Centers,
- Sensitization on Humanism and Science.

2. Human rights and Good governance

- Sensitization on Human rights issues
- Human rights freedoms, violations and injustices

3. Environmental awareness, conservation and protection

- Sensitization on protection and conservation of the environment.
- Establishing of tree nursery beds, botanical gardens and open green spaces in our local towns.

4. Nutrition , Health and Sanitation.

- Sensitization on domestic basic hygiene and sanitation.
- Promotion of organic farming & sustainable agriculture.
- Initiation of safe water availability to people in our communities

In the past years we have been concentrating on our Education Program where we have had some good progress on the KUHA Library project and the KUHA SCHOOL project , now late this year we embarked on the Kasese Humanist Botanical Gardens project which is serving a number of benefits not only to students at our school but also to the local community.

Benefits of the Kasese Humanist Botanical Gardens:

Crop growing

Fruit growing

Research purposes

Eco-tourism destination

The school project has registered some progress and below are some of the events that took place in the course of the year 2012.

Donations from Atheist foundation of Australia which involved the auctioning of the Atheist Poster on eBay where funds realized from this was donated to Kasese Humanist Primary School. \$AUD 2650 was donated and was sent to the KHPS and received. The funds aided the school in purchasing some text books, extra 10 class desks, 4 tables and boosting in meeting staff salaries.

Donations from Foundation Beyond Belief (FBB) based in the United States where FBB organization featured our school project on their website and allowed its members to give generously in support of our education program so that we are able to reach out to more people and US\$7505 was realized and donated to the school. These funds assisted the school in procuring of some 6 acres piece of land in Muhokya which actually is now partly serving as a School plantation and partly as a Botanical Garden. Extra funds from FBB funds was used to purchase a 3000 Liter water tank and our interest in this was to harvest rain water thereby reducing over reliance on the piped water tap that the school already has. The collected water also helps on cutting down water bills expenditure.

Donations from Atheist alliance International where most of the funds came in as child sponsorship fees where close to 40 students were beneficiaries having their tuition fees met by some individual in the western world. Most child sponsors are entirely from the secular world with all of them strongly embracing reason/ school foundation. AAI sent in US\$11600 which was sent in phases at different times in the year and this fund generally boosted us in meeting staff salaries, school premises rent, purchasing scholastic items and chalk. A portion of the funds was used to organize a farewell party to our P.7 candidates which was a colorful function in which the Kasese Town Municipal Education Officer was the chief guest flanked by Members of the KUHA Executive Board, KHPS Parents representatives, the School PTA, all the KHPS Staff and P.7 students.

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The donated books came along in a major shipment that involved KUHA to pass over a number of boxes filled with books to other institutions in Kasese. The institutions were Fair Earth Foundation and Rwenzori Vocational College. The books were issued out to Bwambale Robert on behalf of the KUHA Library by the National Library Association of Uganda who are Books Abroad contacts in Uganda.

In June 2012 at the school we hosted Mr Steve Hurd from Uganda Humanist Schools Trust UK who paid a courtesy call at the school premises with an intention to meet the school administration and meeting the pupils. Mr Steve came along with his Wife Hillary and another couple who were given a welcoming reception. Mr. Steve addressed the pupils and member of staff, thanked the School Director for having came up with the idea of setting up the school and wished us the best in our works.

In May 2012, at the school we received a United States born volunteer by the names Daniel Reid Loving who came into the country to teach computer Skills to the students and School Staffs, He came along with 3 laptops which he donated to the school. Daniel volunteered at the school for a period of 3 months. On behalf of KUHA & KHPS, I thank Daniel Loving for dedicating his time, money and knowledge to have been part of us for all this time. Our students and teachers gained a lot of knowledge from him. Daniel not only participated in computer teaching alone but also treated the sick at the school and topped on tuition fees of some 3 needy students at the school. He also donated funds that initiated the Dial up internet connection at the school.

In September 2012, Chicken poultry project kicked off by one of the International friends of the School Director by the names of Godless Poutine who is based in Canada. Him together with the school director worked jointly in initiating the KHPS Poultry Project which was posted online on his blog at www.mysecretatheistblog.blogspot.com and the general public supported this project after The Godless Poutine spearheaded fundraising campaign that involved donation acceptance with intend to construct a chicken coop and keeping chicken at Kasese Humanist Primary School with an intention to provide eggs to the KHPS children. US\$2300 was raised in a matter of days and the funds were sent, a chicken coop was constructed and the chickens reared. The chicken are likely to begin releasing the eggs late January 2013 and the eggs shall mandatorily be given out to the children regularly.

In October 2012, The School Director released the news that there is a new partnership being fostered between KHPS and Swinburne University of technology based in Australia. The partnership aims at uplifting the Computer Class infrastructures at the school in line with the school motto of “with science we can progress” through exposing the children to better computer knowledge. The partnership entails our students at KHPS to actively ask questions and these questions to be answered by Swinburne University Students and several scientists at Swinburne Faculty of Astro physics and worldwide. The Question & Answer Project has been code named CURLY QUESTIONS PROJECT and a website to feature these questions is now live online. Swinburne University Faculty of Digital Media Designs and Online Galleries owned by James and Bill are among the main donors of this project. Close to 10 K AUD have been donated and these funds have given a facelift to the computer room renovations, Equipping the room with furniture (stools, tables and a cupboard), purchase of a scanner, printer, 5 computer sets, a Projector, a Wireless router, Internet connectivity for 3 months, ventilation fans to mention but a few.

8. PLANNED ACTIVITIES IN THE FUTURE

- To lay a strong foundation of Humanism and Science among students by moving around in both secondary school and tertiary institutions in Uganda by encouraging opening up of science clubs in schools.
- To establish more schools set up on Humanist values and ethics in order to wide spread free thought & Science to all people in our communities. Kasese Humanist Primary School is going is planned to open Early Next year.
- To sensitize our local communities on domestic hygiene and sanitation, Initiating safe water availability to people.
- Promotion of Organic farming.
- To sensitize our local communities on conservation and protection of environment and establishment of tree nursery beds, botanical gardens etc.
- To sensitize people on Human rights and Good Governance by raising a voice on all forms of injustices especially on domestic matters, civil liberties, Homophobia and human rights freedoms.

9. APPEAL OR REQUESTS

Ladies and Gentlemen, I therefore appeal to you to put in more effort in the implementation of programs and activities that lie before the hands of Kasese United Humanist Association as our motto goes, “Working for the Betterment of Humanity” We remain optimistic for the best this coming year 2013.

I end this report by thanking all the members of Kasese United Humanist Association for their strong charisma and commitment to propel forward our aims and objectives in an effort to create a harmonious stable, free and fairer world.

Thank you very much for listening to this annual report. Wishing you the best in all your activities, Thank you.

Yours in Free thought,

...Mulekya Edison

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CHAIRMAN

Kasese United Humanist Association

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